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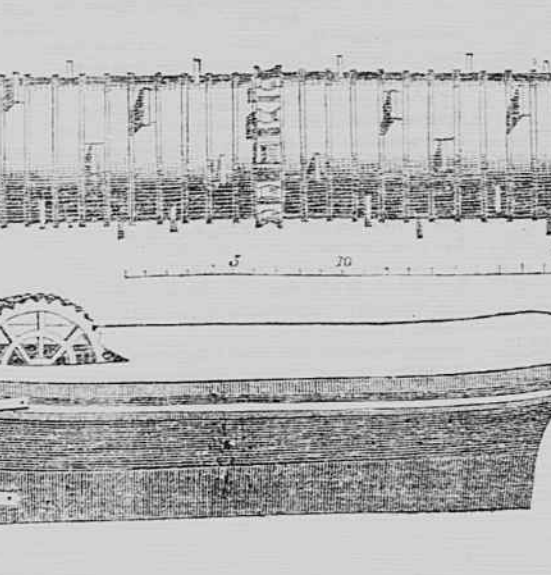
A NIGHT STORM.

I looked into a placid lake,
I looked upon its shore;
I felt my thoughts a current take
They never took before.
I thought of all the glorious things
Which on this earth are spread;
I thought of peasants and of kings
That under it are dead.
I thought how vain a thing is man,
How vain his hopes and fears,
And from my thoughtful eyes began
To drop slow-flowing tears.
I looked up to a mountain's crest,
The clouds were then thereon;
Unruffled was the lake's calm breast,
On which the moonbeams shone.
I thought, one little moment's space,
Of high and low things,
Of God's redeeming love and grace,
From which salvation springs.
And then the clouds poured out their rain,
The waves uprose on high;
I looked around, but looked in vain,
For dark was all the sky.
I thought of sinners' awful doom,
My flesh began to creep;
I wished myself again at home,
I wished I were asleep.
I gazed—the darkness knew no light—
I heard the waters roar,
But could not see the fearful sight
That I had seen before.
I sat me down and thought and prayed,
Till hope had well nigh flown;
I saw my crimes and sins arrayed
Before me one by one.
Flash came the lightning's livid flame,
Loud roared the thunder peal,
Till quivered all my trembling frame,
And sense began to reel.
It ceased, and suddenly I saw
Again the mountain's crest;
Fear, wonder, love, and holy awe,
Strove in my humbled breast.
I rose up from the steaming ground,
I rose, and walked away;
I heard a soleran, soothing sound,
And calmed my soul to pray.
Since then full many a storm I've seen
But up the raging sea;
But ne'er has night so dreadful been
As was that night to me.

THOUGHTS ON THE STATE PRISON QUESTION.

It has for a long time seemed to me that the senseless cry of "State Prison Monopoly" has been suffered to pass unheeded by those having the public ear, through the fear of bringing upon themselves the ill-will of those who maintain the clamor. And for the same reason, too, I think that some of our public men give an apparent heed to this noise, which, if they had a little more independence with their great wit, they would be far from giving. Hence, the appeal and arguments being generally on one side, the multitude of those who do not think (and they are always too many,) are led on to swell the number of those whose passions or fancied interests have mounted them on the demagogues' stand.
We very naturally reason that where there is smoke, there must be fire; and some can even be made to believe that there is smoke at least, if their neighbors persist in asserting its existence, even though they cannot themselves discover it; in their charity being willing to admit the fault to be in their own eyes, rather than in their neighbors' hearts. In this way I account for about seven-eighths of the rank and file of the crusaders against State Prison labor.
To this seven-eighths I wish to offer a few common-sense thoughts; asking only that they will read my arguments calmly, and decide upon them dispassionately.
I perceive, then, that the first condition of our physical existence is, Man must eat his bread by the sweat of his brow. The condition is without exception; every human being must labor, if he would live. "He that will not work, neither shall he eat." Be it understood here, that in civilized communities the common law requires a division of labor; and that all kinds of honest employment are still labor in the proper sense of the word, whatever organ of our being is devoted to them; that is to say, head-work is as much labor, as hand-work. And the head-work of one class is as absolutely essential and indispensable to the common good, as is the hand-work of another class. Consequently, my philosophy cannot acknowledge the propriety of the distinctions which some half-thinking people make, when they divide the community into producing and non-producing classes. All are producers; some in one way, some in another. All are consumers; some of one class of productions, some of another.
My second position is a corollary from the first: when a man attempts to procure his bread by preying on the labor of others, the common good requires that Society, in its organized capacity, should compel him to adopt the only rightful mode of procuring it; in other words, he should be made to labor. In so doing, there is injury to none; but good to all. Good to the individual; for it restrains him, if it does not even redeem him, from vice. Good to all others; for protection is thus given to them, against the depredations of the lawless upon their honest industry.
Now here are two propositions, so simple that all can understand them; so true that none but a rogue in ethics (and in my opinion such a rogue needs as much to be watched as a pick-pocket,) will question their correctness.
On what principle, then, can the labor of convicts and felons be objected to? Why, on no principle at all but this; that it is wrong to bring the labor of the rogue into competition with that of the honest man. This is the argument that is used; let us examine it. It assumes that labor is a privilege, not a duty, and that the man of correct moral conduct (we will say nothing for the present about principle, as the basis of conduct,) is alone entitled to labor. Now the absurdity of this is apparent enough if we run the notion out to its legitimate consequences. How many of the humane family would be exempt from destruction, if none but the strictly upright in every thing were permitted to labor, and so to enjoy the rewards of labor? Carry out the notion, and the law of the strongest would be the law of existence; and earth would be a hell. In opposition to all this we say, that the violation of one duty does not exempt from the obligation of another; consequently, though a man may have committed a crime against the laws of Society, he is still bound to labor for his support; and to that support—the reward of his labor—he is entitled. If the rogue may not be made to labor for his living, then he has three alternatives left him; either he must be left to obtain his bread by violence and fraud, or he must be fed by the community, or he must live without being fed at all—if he can. As to the first alternative, the poor would suffer more by it than the rich; for the latter could pay for protection. As for the second, it would be the greatest inducement that Society could offer to villainy. As for the third—well, if any body wants an argument from me on this point, he must wait till the Christmas holidays are over. So I do not see but that we are drawn to the conclusion—compulsory labor for the felon.

TOWNSEND'S ICE BREAKER.



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Suspend the large cylinders at a right angle, upon arms to be raised or depressed at pleasure, at the Boat's bow, and pass an endless chain around the cylinders, through a trunk placed lengthways of the Boat, over a spar wheel hung on a shaft, to be connected with the engine. Let the two cylinders be thirty feet each in length and six in diameter, with strong heavy iron teeth firmly inserted therein and projecting two feet; which are fastened on rings some two feet apart and four on a ring, in form of a right angled triangle, and sixty to each cylinder; the bodies of which are elevated so that, with their rotary motion, the teeth perforate and crush the ice. These teeth are so arranged that about ten of them penetrate the ice at the same moment. It is obvious that when the teeth, so arranged, pierce some six or eight inches the ice will yield.
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